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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs:

I consider the proposed settlement to be a total abrogation of responsibility on the part of the US Government. In the annals of anti-trust, the best analog that I can find is that this settlement is as if the Government had not only not broken up Standard Oil, but had also given them the railroads. It is an open invitation for companies in the future to flout the law with the knowledge that even if they are finally convicted in a court of law, the remedy applied will be weak at worst and more likely totally impotent. Microsoft has shown repeated disdain for the rule of law and may be expected to not act in an honorable fashion under any remedy. At a time in which we are attempting to demonstrate the nature of America, I suggest that Honor is value to be preserved not discarded.

The ubiquitous nature of the Windows operating system due to its monopoly status has cost both its users and its non-users a tremendous amount of time and treasure due to its basic philosophy of construction. It is hard to know what the current situation might have been if competition had been allow to exist, but I dare say we are better off with a number of different operating systems rather than a single omnipresent one.

I suggest that the proposed settlement be discarded and the earlier action by he Honorable Judge Jackson be reinstated.

Regards,

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